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SUBJECT:PERIODIC ACTIVITIES REPORT, MAY 13-19, 1978

1. PRESIDENTIAL VISIT

A. SCOPE PAPER. A DRAFT FULLY CLEARED IN STATE AND DOD
AND TAKING INTO ACCOUNT EMBASSY PANAMA COMMENTS RECEIVED
MAY 19 HAS BEEN COMPLETED AND WAS FORWARDED TO NSC FOR
REVIEW ON MAY 20.

B. AGREEMENT ON ASSISTANCE PACKAGE. A DRAFT EXCHANGE OF
NOTES TO FORMALIZE THE ECONOMIC AND MILITARY ASSISTANCE
PACKAGE ASSOCIATED WITH THE PANAMA CANAL TREATIES IS IN
PROCESS OF CLEARANCE. THE EXCHANGE WITH PANAMA MAY BE
CONCLUDED DURING THE PRESIDENTIAL VISIT.

C. DELARATION OF PANAMA. A PROPOSAL IS CURRENTLY UNDER
CONSIDERATIONFOR ISSUANCE OF A JOINT DECLARATION BY THE
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CHIEFS OF GOVERNMENT PRESENT DURING THE PRESIDENTIAL VISIT
TO PANAMA FOR THE EXCHANGE OF RATIFICATIONS OF THE CANAL
TREATIES.

2. TREATY IMPLEMENTATION

A. LEGISLATION. THE DRAFT ADMINISTRATION BILL PROVIDING

FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PANAMA CANAL TREATY IS NOW UNDER REVIEW IN OMB, WHICH IS EXPECTED TO PREPARE AND TRANSMIT RECOMMENDATIONS ON IT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR DECISION NEXT WEEK. NO DECISION HAS BEEN MADE CONCERNING TIMING OF SUBMISSION OF THE BILL TO CONGRESS AFTER IT IS APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT.

B. ROLE OF THE AMBASSADOR. IN A MEETING WITH LEGAL ADVISER HANSELL AND AMB. POPPER EARLY THIS WEEK, DOD DEPUTY ASST. SECY. ABRAMOWITZ REAFFIRMED THAT DOD IS UNABLE TO AGREE TO AMB. JORDEN'S PROPOSED FORMULA CONCERNING THE AMBASSADOR'S ROLE IN TREATY IMPLEMENTATION. ABRAMOWITZ AGREED TO TAKE SOUNDINGS IN DOD ON PLACING LANGUAGE IN THE IMPLEMENTING LEGISLATION SPECIFYING THAT THE CANAL ADMINISTRATOR AND THE AMBASSADOR ARE TO "COORDINATE AND COOPERATE" IN IMPLEMENTING THE TREATIES. THIS LANGUAGE WAS ORIGINALLY PUT FORTH BY DOD IN A MEMORANDUM FROM DOD DEPUTY SECY. DUNCAN TO DR. BRZEZINSKI OF NSC ON PROCEDURES FOR TREATY IMPLEMENTATION.

C. CEMETERIES. ARA/PAN, L/ARA, AND DOD ARE CONSULTING ON STEPS TO BE TAKEN TO DEAL WITH THIS MATTER. THESE WOULD INCLUDE (1) PREPARATION OF A DRAFT AGREEMENT FOR PRESENTATION TO THE GOP COVERING OPERATION OF COROZAL CEMETERY BY THE BATTLE MONUMENTS COMMISSION (2) PREPARATION OF A LETTER ON REINTERMENT PROCEDURES TO BE SENT TO NEXT-OF-KIN
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OF AMERICANS BURIED AT COROZAL AND MT. HOPE AND (3) A POSSIBLE US-GOP ANNOUNCEMENT TO BE MADE DURING THE PRESIDENTIAL VISIT SETTING FORTH THE TWO COUNTRIES' INTENTION TO NEGOTIATE A CEMETERY AGREEMENT.

3. CONTAINER PORT. A MEMORANDUM FORWARDING STATE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR RESPONDING TO PANAMA'S DESIRE TO INITIATE CONSTRUCTION OF THE COCO SOLO CONTAINER PORT AT AN EARLY DATE WENT TO NSC ON MAY 16. BASICALLY, THE MEMORANDUM RECOMMENDS THAT WE OBTAIN MORE DEFINITIVE INFORMATION ON THE LEGAL AND OTHER IMPLICATIONS OF EARLY CONSTRUCTION.

4. COURT RULING ON PROPERTY TRANSFER. THE SUPREME COURT ON MAY 15 DENIED CERTIORARI IN EDWARDS VS. CARTER, A CASE BROUGHT BY VARIOUS TREATY OPPONENTS IN CONGRESS CHALLENGING THE CONSTITUTIONALITY OF PROPERTY TRANSFERS UNDER THE PANAMA CANAL TREATIES WITHOUT HOUSE APPROVAL. THIS MEANS THAT THE EARLIER COURT OF APPEALS DECISION ON THE MERITS--WHICH SUPPORTED THE ADMINISTRATION POSITION THAT HOUSE APPROVAL IS NOT REQUIRED--WILL STAND.

5. BRANDES STUDY PROPOSAL. WE HAVE RECEIVED A PROPOSAL

FROM ELY BRANDES OF INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH ASSOCIATES FOR FURTHER STUDY OF FINANCIAL ISSUES LIKELY TO FACE THE PANAMA CANAL COMMISSION AND ALTERNATIVES FOR DEALING WITH THEM. WE EXPECT THAT BRANDES WILL ALSO BE DISCUSSING HIS PROPOSAL WITH THE HOUSE PANAMA CANAL SUBCOMMITTEE. WE ARE DEFERRING ANY DECISION ON THE PROPOSAL PENDING THE OUTCOME OF BRANDES' DISCUSSIONS WITH THE SUBCOMMITTEE.

6. BOSTON-PANAMA. WE ARE SEEKING FUNDS FROM ARA/MGT TO CONTRACT A PANAMANIAN LAWYER TO UNDERTAKE THE RESEARCH AND INTERPRETIVE WORK NEEDED IN CONNECTION WITH THIS EXPROPRIATION CASE. VANCE

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